

The fee for the additional claims is calculated as shown below.

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	Claims Remaining After		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee		Rate	Add'l Fee
Total	* 23	Minus	** 23	= 0	x \$ 9=	\$ 0.00		x \$ 18=	\$ 0.00
Indep.	* 3	Minus	*** 3	= 0	x \$ 43=	\$ 0.00		x \$ 86=	\$ 0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+\$145=	\$ 0.00		+\$290=	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE						\$ 0.00	OR	TOTAL	\$ 0.00

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As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply was due January 21, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time and check #879006 in the petition fee amount of \$210.00, small entity rate, to extend the period of reply to March 21, 2004. Therefor, this Response is considered timely filed.

Applicants believe there are no additional fees due with the filing of this Response to NonFinal Office Action. However, should the Commissioner deem any additional fees as being due, including any fees for any additional extensions of time, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 075115.0176.

In addition to this Response to NonFinal Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit herewith the following items:

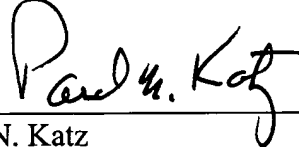
- ☒ Duplicate copy of this Transmittal for fee processing;
- ☒ Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time (PTO/SB/22), with duplicate copy for fee processing;

- ☒ Check #879006 in the extension fee amount of \$210.00, small entity rate;
and
- ☒ Return postcard to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed items.

Respectfully submitted,

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Examiner: **KUMAR, SRILAKSHMI K.**

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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE INFORMATION AND A REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEF THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE, ON THE DATE BELOW, AND IS ADDRESSED TO:

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION,
MAILED OCTOBER 21, 2003

In response to the NonFinal Office Action, mailed October 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully request amendment and reconsideration of the Application.

The amendments are formatted and presented in accordance with the Revised
Format for Amendments promulgated in 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply was due January 21, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time (Form PTO/SB/22), with check #879006 in the two-month extension fee amount of \$210.00, at the small entity rate, to extend the period of reply to March 21, 2004. This Response is therefore considered timely filed.

Amendments begins on Page 3 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims begins on Page 4 of this Response.

Remarks begins on Page 9 of this Response.

AMENDMENTS

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Please change the Attorney Docket No. from "068363.0201" to
-- 75115.0176 --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicants respectfully submit that no amendments have been made to the pending claims for the purpose of overcoming any prior art rejections that would restrict the literal scope of the claims or equivalents thereof.

Please amend the pending claims as indicated below.